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REPLY TO EXAMINER'S ACTION

In reply to the Examiner's Action mailed on May 25, 2004, Applicant makes the following remarks.

<u>REMARKS</u>

The Office Action

Claims 20-39 and 41 are pending. Claims 20, 21, 39, and 41 stand rejected for anticipation by Ansimov et al. (RU 2066350 C1 (abstract); hereafter "Ansimov").

Claims 22-38 stand rejected for obviousness over Ansimov.